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**Update for Public Schools Rules (Bats on Public School Premises)  
(9 A.A.C. Chapter 8, Article 7)**

A.R.S. § 36-136(H)(9) states that the Arizona Department of Health Services (Department) “shall prescribe minimum standards for sanitary conditions that shall be maintained in any public school.”

The current rules are being amended to require public schools to keep school premises free of roosting bats, and, if bats are roosting on school premises, to provide for removal of the bats by an Arizona Game and Fish Department Wildlife Services licensee.

The Department filed a Notice of Rulemaking Docket Opening for the Public Schools rules on July 15, 2008. This docket opening notice was published in the [\*Arizona Administrative Register\*](#) on August 8, 2008.

To keep interested persons informed about the rulemaking, the Department has established a website for the rulemaking. Draft rules have been posted on the Department’s website. The informal public comment period will end on August 29, 2008. The Department anticipates filing a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking by September, 2008.

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